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- (X) original patent application,  
 (X) Utility ( ) Design  
 ( ) continuation-in-part application

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TITLE: Three-Dimensional Ear Biometrics System and Method

Enclosed are:

- (X) The Declaration and Power of Attorney. ( ) signed (X) unsigned or partially signed  
 ( ) 11 sheets of drawings (one set) ( ) Associate Power of Attorney  
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 ( ) Priority document(s)  
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(X) Applicant claims Small Entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27:

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